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SUBJECT: REPORTS OF MEETING OF PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO
WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR BROWN AND SAN DIEGO MAYOR WILSON

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS AND INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO CONGEN KENT, WHICH HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIATED BY EMBASSY CONTACTS BUT NOT YET OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED BY GOM, GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN AND SAN DIEGO MAYOR PETE WILSON WILL BE SEEING PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO DURING HIS VISIT TO TIJUANA. MEETINGS REPORTEDLY WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 23. (PRESS REPORTS THAT LOPEZ PORTILLO WILL ARRIVE TIJUANA APRIL 23 AT 9:30 A.M. FOR VISIT OF 24 HOURS.)

2. ILLEGAL MIGRATION AND CONDITIONS ON MEXICO-CALIFORNIA BORDER LIKELY ARISE DURING ANY SUCH DISCUSSIONS. (WE KNOW LOPEZ PORTILLO IS BEING BRIEFED ON THESE SUBJECTS.) SINCE MIGRATION AND THE BORDER ARE SUBJECTS OF OVERRIDING CONCERN IN MEXICAN-US RELATIONS AS WELL AS AGENDA TOPICS FOR FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS TO LOPEZ PORTILLO-CARTER MEETING IN FEBRUARY, EMBASSY STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT DEPARTMENT CONTACT GOVERNOR BROWN'S AND MAYOR WILSON'S
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OFFICES TO CONFIRM THAT MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED AND TO PROPOSE THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OF STATE DEPARTMENT BE PRESENT DURING ANY MEETINGS WITH THE MEXICAN PRESIDENT. SINCE WE HAVE NO INFO THAT ARA REPRESENTATIVE PLANS TO BE PRESENT, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT COUNSELOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS FRANCIS R. STARRS BE PROPOSED TO BROWN AND WILSON AS DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

STARRS, EMBASSY COUNSELOR FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS VERNON D. MCANINCH, AND TIJUANA CONSUL GENERAL ROBERT KENT WILL ALL BE ATTENDING MEETING AT SAN DIEGO ON CRIME AND THE BORDER, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE APRIL 21-23. (AS DEPARTMENT KNOWS, ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL AND MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL FLORES SANCHEZ WILL BE PRESENT FOR PART OF THE MEETING, ON APRIL 21.)

3. REPLY SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED BY CABLE TO CONGEN TIJUANA AND TO EMBASSY, OR BY PHONE TO CRIME AND BORDER CONFERENCE HEADQUARTERS AT SHERATON-AIRPORT INN, SAN DIEGO. HAYNE

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